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By "COMMENTATOR"

THE news value of political trials seems to be rated fairly low by the Western press; according to the time-honored man-bites-dog principle, only the unusual, the extraordinary, is thought to be of interest to the reader. As such trials have become an ordinary feature of life in some countries, little attention is paid to them, if there is not some central political figure involved. In Bulgaria "15 American and Greek agents" (most of them former officers) are now facing trial; a Rumanian court has passed judgment on the Catholic bishop of Temisoara and a few others; in Warsaw ten former Generals and Colonels have been condemned to lengthy prison terms, in Hungary Achibishop Groesz has been sentenced to prison, and the Chinese are in the midst of a series of trials against a medley of foreign nationals, missionaries, etc.

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MOST, if not all, of these have been accused of espionage, and one can be fairly sure that this is just the crime of which they are not guilty. Spies are usually dealt with by competent authorities in a far more efficient way. They are not brought into the limelight of public trial. The accused might or might not be enemies of the regime, but they are usually much too conspicuous to engage in collecting information. There have been spies, ever since Joshua ben Nun sent two of his intelligence officers to the house of Rahab, but it is the height of folly to imagine, that their descendants are well-known Communist leaders on this side of the curtain, or Catholic bishops and A. P. correspondents on the other.

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DEVELOPMENTS in Bulgaria since the end of World War II are fairly typical of events in the Eastern bloc in general. The country has made progress economically, there have been difficulties and crises, but not more than elsewhere in the East or West. It is, therefore, doubly difficult to understand why there have been so many trials and purges. Only a very small percentage of the prominent leaders of 1944/45 are still in office, and this applies not only to Social Democrats or non-party people, but also and more especially to Communist leaders. According to a recent Sofia survey, it appears that not less than 18 members of the Party's Central Committee, including partisan leaders, former ministers, *et al* have been dropped since last year. One was transferred to the eminently unimportant post of Ambassador to Rumania, others fared worse. In their place six new members were appointed to the Central Committee. Analysing their backgrounds, one finds that they were all in the U.S.S.R. for at least 15 years, and that most of them are related to Bulgaria's rulers: Mrs. Yelena Mihailova is the wife of Prime Minister Chervenkov. She is also a sister of the late Georgi Dimitrov. Mrs. Stella Blagoyeva, is the daughter of the Bulgarian Lenin, and there are other such examples. The same tendency of growing nepotism in the higher Party circles has been observed in Czechoslovakia, one of the results of last week's reshuffle was the elevation of President Gottwald's son-in-law, Mr. Cepicka, to No. 3 place in the party hierarchy.

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NEITHER Raik, Gomulka, Kostov Clementis nor the many other *dei minorium gentium* who have fallen, and are falling, victim to purges and trials, have been in Moscow since 1939, and this is apparently considered the decisive test of loyalty. The long-range prospects of our local Communist leaders in Israel must therefore be considered rather bleak. Of the 30-odd Palestinian Communists who attended the Comintern school, most were Arabs, many of whom left the party long ago. One of them was appointed the Hashemite Kingdom's representative at the court of that famous Communist sympathizer, General Francisco Franco. This proves, it seems, that the value of Moscow training should never be under-rated.

Jerusalem, September 20.

JORDAN MINISTER TO CAIRO

Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, former leader of the Palestine Arab Istiklal Party, has been appointed Jordan Minister to Cairo by King Talal

Communists Free S. Koreans, New Meeting Today

MUNSAN, SOUTH KOREA, Wednesday (Reuter). — U.N. and Communist liaison officers talked for almost two hours today about four South Korean medical corps men who "wandered" into the Kaesong neutral zone yesterday. A U.N. Command statement afterwards said the talks — requested by the Communists — were "without incident in an atmosphere almost completely devoid of tension."

The four South Koreans and a lorry in which they had been riding were later released.

The U.N. liaison officers will meet their opposite numbers again tomorrow — the second time in two days. The meeting was requested by the Communists, U.N. headquarters announced tonight.

An official U. N. announcement in Tokyo tonight made it clear that the latest Communist allegation of violation of the Kaesong neutral zone was the only important topic discussed at today's meeting.

But the statement said "notable changes" in the Communist attitude were noticed as the U. N. team approached the Kaesong area. Communist soldiers and Kaesong civilians showed a friendly attitude in contrast to previous meetings.

MAPAI DEFERS CABINET DECISION

The Mapai Political Committee, which met in Jerusalem last night, decided to postpone its decision on whether or not the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, should report to President Weizmann that he has failed in his mediation efforts between the parties aimed at the formation of a new coalition Government.

The Committee decided to refer the matter to the Party *Mercaz*, which is to meet jointly with the Knesset faction in Tel Aviv on Saturday night.

In a one-sentence communique issued after the Committee adjourned last night, it was announced that the matter had been referred for decision to the *Mercaz*.

Although members refused to comment on the discussions, it is believed that there are considerable differences of opinion as to how far the Party can go to meet the demands of its potential Coalition partners.

Mr. Ben Gurion had a short talk yesterday with Mr. M. Shapiro, leader of Hapoel Hamizrahi.

Cabinet Decides On P.C.C. Reply

The Paris Conference of the Palestine Conciliation Commission and particularly the formulation of Israel's reply to the opening remarks of the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. E. Palmer, occupied the Cabinet during most of its meeting in Jerusalem yesterday.

The discussion followed a report by the Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Walter Eytan. The Ministry's Special Adviser, Mr. Reuven Shiloah, returned from Paris yesterday for consultations and flew back to Paris last night with the Government's instructions to its delegation.

Although the short communique issued after the meeting did not disclose the Cabinet's decision on the reply to the P.C.C., it was understood in Jerusalem that the Government maintained the position that peace and stability in the Middle East can be brought about only through direct talks between Israel and the Arab states. Such questions as the return of any of the Arab refugees could be considered only within the framework of negotiations for a peace treaty.

Bunche's Example

Informed quarters in Jerusalem reiterated that Israel was prepared to enter immediate negotiations with the Arab States for the conclusion of peace treaties and expressed the view that the P.C.C. could contribute a good deal to the peace of the area by consolidating its efforts and exerting its influence, as did Dr. Ralph Bunche, toward bringing Israel and the Arab states together for direct talks.

The Government, it was understood, considered that a refusal by the Arab States to meet this offer would clearly indicate that they are interested in fermenting instability and an atmosphere of war rather than in achieving peace and the solution of outstanding problems.

The Cabinet also discussed the problems of citrus exports during the coming season. As was the case last year, the question of Government assistance to the growers constituted the major problem. The Cabinet empowered the Minister of Finance to take the necessary steps in the matter.

Citrus Problems

A delegation of citrus exporters is expected to leave for England within a few days to negotiate terms of export. The import of non-kasher meat was also discussed, and it was understood that the Government stood firm on the position expounded by the Minister of Agriculture in his statement in the Knesset on Monday.

Yesterday's Cabinet communique reads:

At the weekly meeting of the Cabinet, the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry reported on the Palestine Conciliation Commission's Paris Conference. The Israel delegation was briefed on its reply to the opening remarks of the Conference Chairman.

The marketing of citrus and the import of meat were considered.

In Paris a United Nations spokesman said he believed there was no reason why Israel should refuse to take part in the P.C.C. conference. The Israel reply was expected soon, possibly within the next 24 hours, he said.

The text of the official announcement of yesterday's Cabinet meeting is as follows:

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Israel Ship Said To be in Distress

LISBON, Wednesday (AFP).— An S.O.S. message from an Israel cargo ship saying that fire was spreading aboard and that the crew was preparing to abandon the ship, was received at the wireless station at Ponta Delgata, Azores, yesterday.

The message indicated neither the ship's name nor position, and naval and aircraft searchers were turned back by fog yesterday without being able to locate it.

Kol Israel reported last night that both the Shoham and Dizengoff Shipping Companies announced all their ships are safe.

Britain Seeks Peace in M.E.

LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — "Israel is established and will stand," Sir Knox Helm, retiring U.K. Ambassador to Israel, told guests at a dinner arranged in his honour by the Anglo-Israel club.

Sir Knox said that Britain wished to see peace and stability in the Middle East, and the State of Israel as an integral part of the area. The settlements between Israel and the Arab states envisaged by mediators still seemed remote, but the settlements would come, he said. He expressed the hope that his successor would have the satisfaction of seeing peace established and Israel and her neighbours left free to better their relations.

Sir Knox Helm

Sir Knox said that his position in Israel was fortified by two things. Firstly by the fact that he had arrived there with no preconceived ideas. Secondly, by the instructions given him by the late Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin who told him "among other things that I was to take the Israelis as I found them and treat them on their own merits. The past was gone and the less said about it the better, and my concern was with the present and future. These words guided me from the start."

The retiring envoy added that from the moment he arrived in Israel he felt there was a general desire for friendship and the establishment of relations between Israel and Britain on a sound basis.

Potash Chief Leaves Israel

Lord Glenconner, Chairman of Palestine Potash Ltd., left Israel by air yesterday for London after conferring for three days with Government leaders on the resumption of work at the Dead Sea works.

It was learned that no decision was reached on renewing operations. The key question is still whether the Government is prepared to lend the company additional funds, over and above the $2,500,000 already granted it out of the Export-Import Bank loan. No answer is expected until a new Government is in office.

Lord Glenconner is expected to visit the U.S. to confer with company officials there. An American representative may visit Israel to assist in the negotiations with the Government.

Knesset Completes Budget Debate

A frank and bold survey of the economic situation by Mr. Eliezer Livneh (Mapai) highlighted the six hour Knesset debate on the proposed IL.27,440,000 October-December budget which ended at noon yesterday. The Finance Minister will reply on Monday. The Finance Committee has already begun its discussions, and it is hoped that the estimates will be brought for a vote next week.

Mr. Livneh's speech was particularly significant, since the Mapai spokesman argued for the control of wages, a reduction of income tax rates, and shifting immigrants from relief works to productive employment. He also criticised the dollar shops and portrayed the present situation as the worst economic and moral crisis since the foundation of the State.

While General Zionist, Herut and Mizrahi members nodded in agreement, Mr. Livneh sought to prove three points which represented a departure from the popular conception. He said:

- The old inhabitants were not supporting the immigrants but were in fact not paying their own way and were being supported by money sent here for the care of immigrants.
- Production was not increasing but on a per-man, per-hour basis had dropped, not only in agriculture but in industry. Quality had also declined.
- Figures showing increases in exports were misleading since if the 30-40 per cent increase in world prices was taken into account, the real value of exports would be found to have dropped.

Income Tax

Inflation, he went on, was making a mockery of planning. Production had not increased in proportion with the rate of immigration, and the gap was widening. Instead of trying to close this gap with internal resources, foreign aid was relied upon, he said.

Mr. Livneh advocated liberalising income tax rates and said that even with these reforms, revenue could be doubled if all taxable incomes were reached.

There were three prerequisites for the restoration of equilibrium:

1. **Wages and profits should be permitted to rise only when commensurate with increased output. Otherwise wage increases would mean only the money sent from abroad for the absorption of immigrants.**
2. **An all-out effort is required to increase production, and the new immigrants must be thrown into that effort. (Immigrants in ma'barot are now normally employed on non-productive relief works).**
3. **The ordinary and security budgets must be covered from taxes and loans. Loans should preferably be voluntary, but if the money is put forthcoming they should be made compulsory.**

Mr. Livneh's speech patently delighted the right-wing factions. Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) called out "Come, join our party!" Mr. D.Z. Pinkas (Mizrahi), who followed Mr. Livneh to the platform, said he agreed with most of what Mr. Livneh had said and praised his speech as "frank, open-eyed and open-hearted," a model for the Knesset.

In another budget speech, Mr. Moshe Erem (Mapam) shed more light on the unsuccessful secret Mapai-Mapam coalition talks. He claimed that Mr. Kaplan had profited to raise income taxes on condition that the rise would not affect the lower income brackets, and to alter the proportion between direct and indirect taxes.

There was a flare-up when Mr. Shmuel Lavie (Mapai), claimed in his speech that the population was pampered. Even the new immigrants, who were better off than every before, were complaining, he said. At this, the Sephardi representatives, Mr. Eliahu Eliashar and Mr. S.B. Hasson, cried that it was untrue. The Iraqi Jews had lived comfortably in Iraq, they said.

Arsenal Defeats Hapoel, 6-1

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Arsenal defeated the visiting Tel Aviv Hapoel by six goals to one in a friendly, floot-lit match here tonight.

Scorers for Arsenal, who led three to zero at half time, were Holton (3), Lewish (2) and Milton. Stpdinsky scored for Hapoel.

USSR Warns Egypt Against M.E. Pact

ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has warned Egypt that the USSR would regard as an "unfriendly if not hostile act" Egypt's participation in the proposed Western pact for the Middle East, political quarters said here today.

The warning was contained in a note that the Soviet Minister to Egypt, Mr. Semyon Kozyrev, handed today to Hussein el Rady Bey, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Kozyrev has recently returned from a visit to Moscow.

Meanwhile the Egyptian Ambassador to London, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, arrived in Cairo tonight to report to Foreign Minister Salah e-Din on his talks with the Foreign Office. Premier Nahas Pasha tonight submitted to King Farouk a report on the Anglo-Egyptian crisis.

The Premier also informed the King of his intention to reshuffle his all-Wafdist Cabinet to meet the domestic crisis brought about by the ever-rising cost of living.

Jordan House Wary Of Promises

The Jordan Parliament rejected a Government motion on Tuesday night to express its gratitude to Premier Abu'l Huda for the proposed changes in the constitution outlined in his policy speech, "Falastin' reports.

Even the Deputy Premier, Said Pasha el Mufti, joined the Opposition to say that the House should not express its thanks until the proposals (reported in yesterday's POST) have been studied more fully, and until Parliament has decided whether to give the Cabinet a vote of confidence or not.

Yesterday, the Senate followed earlier House opposition by criticizing several aspects of the then Regent Na'if's speech from the throne.

The reply to the speech, couched in polite and deferential language, said that too little attention had been devoted in it to the Palestine question.

League Says British Must Quit Libya

ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday (UP). — The Arab League's Secretary-General, Azzam Pasha, declared today that the League is opposed to any Anglo-Libyan treaty whereby British forces would be maintained on North African territory after Libyan independence at the end of the year.

Commenting on reports that such a draft treaty was near completion in London, Azzam Pasha said that no one in Libya is authorized to conclude such a treaty as the country has not yet embarked on a parliamentary life. "The presence of foreign troops in the country," he said, "would violate the Libyan people's right to complete independence, for which the Arab League has striven long and hard and which the U.N. has finally granted."

BEERSHEBA POLICE FORCE

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Beginning Sunday, this city will have an independent and greatly augmented police force, when two officers and more than 10 men will be added to the present staff of seven constables. Th police station was opened in May, 1949, and was closed for two months in September last year when the military took over the police quarters. Adequate room is now available.

Three Killed in Riot In Brazil City

RIO DE JANEIRO, Wednesday (Reuter).—Three people were killed and many wounded in riots which broke out in São Luiz, capital of the northern state of Maranhao, yesterday.

The rioting broke out when a crowd demonstrating against the return to the capital of the governor, Eugenio de Barros, were fired on by police.

Attlee Announces New Elections on October 25

Labour Seeks Firm Majority

Mr. W. Churchill

Mr. C. Attlee

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The British general election will be held on October 25, Prime Minister Attlee announced over the B.B.C. tonight after the 9 p.m. news bulletin. Parliament is summoned to meet on October 4 and will be dissolved on October 5, he said. After the election Parliament will reassemble on Wednesday, October 31, and the King will hold a State opening of Parliament on Tuesday, November 6. The Prime Minister told listeners:

"For eighteen months the government has carried on the affairs of the country. I consider that the time has now come to ask for a renewal of confidence in the government and to give it adequate Parliamentary support in order to deal with the important issues with which the country is faced at home and abroad.

"I have, therefore, asked the King, for whose speedy restoration to full health we all pray, to grant a dissolution of Parliament. The King has been pleased to signify his acceptance of my recommendation that His Majesty should proclaim the dissolution of Parliament on Friday, October 5.

"The government has represented to the Lord Chamberlain of Committees and the Speaker that it would be in the public interest that Parliament, which now stands adjourned should be called together on Thursday, October 4.

Formal Opening Date

"In accordance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, polling day will fall on Thursday, October 25. The new Parliament will be summoned to meet on Wednesday, October 31, when the first business will be the election of a Speaker and the swearing in of members. His Majesty has graciously announced his intention formally to open Parliament on Tuesday, November 6."

The policy on which the Labour Party is likely to fight the election is:

- An appeal for a working majority in Parliament.
- Full support for the £4,700m. three-year arms programme as the way to world peace.
- Increased taxes on large unearned incomes.
- A world plan for mutual aid for underdeveloped countries.
- Break up of monopolies.
- Price and profit controls to keep prices down.
- State control of fruit, vegetable and fish distribution.

Tonight's broadcast giving the news marked the first time in British history that a Prime Minister has announced a general election by radio. The next 27 days before polling will see a bitter struggle for supremacy between Britain's two main parties — Labour and Conservatives.

The present Parliament was elected on February 23, 1950. It was the closest result for 100 years, giving Labour an overall majority of only seven. The present state of the parties in Parliament is: Labour 313, Conservatives and their allies 296, Liberals 9, Independent 1, Irish Nationalists two, Speaker (Chairman) 1. Three seats are vacant. The final state of the parties immediately after the 1950 election was: Labour 315, Conservatives and allies 298, Liberals 9, Irish Nationalists 2, and the Speaker.

There have been 16 by-elections since then. None has shown any change in representation. One Labour turned independent.

Scandinavian Countries Agree To Inclusion of Turkey, Greece

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday. — Denmark has decided to support the American proposal to admit Turkey and Greece to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, according to well-informed political sources. This will pave the way for the admission of the two countries, as the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Leaster Pearson, announced in Ottawa yesterday that Norway, the only other opponent to their admission, has now agreed to their inclusion.

At its meeting today the Danish parliament's foreign affairs committee is said to have taken the same view as the government — that Denmark cannot expect to win support for her opposition to the inclusion of Turkey and Greece in NATO.

As decisions at the Ottawa conference must be unanimous, and Denmark does not wish—as the only opposing member nation—to veto the adoption of the U.S. proposal, Foreign Minister Ole Bjoern Kraft will be instructed to vote for it, the sources said.

An official communique to this effect is expected later today, after the Danish delegation in Ottawa will have received telegraphic instructions.

In Ottawa last night the North Atlantic Council called on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to report next month on the readiness and effectiveness" of his NATO forces in Europe. The Defence Ministers of 12 member nations proposed the action following a separate meeting at which they weighed the reports of all NATO members on the status of their defence programmes.

(AP, UP)

NATO More Than Military—Acheson

OTTAWA, Wednesday (Reuter).—Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, said in a broadcast speech here last night that the North Atlantic community would be guilty of the greatest folly in history if it was content with a defensive effort "less than adequate to the enormous threat which now hangs over us all."

At the same time, Mr. Acheson said, the threat was more than a military one and all must recognize the necessity of building economic and social strength as well as military strength to the greatest possible degree.

Mr. Acheson said the North Atlantic Treaty, therefore, was far more than a defensive arrangement. "It is an affirmation of the moral and spiritual values which we hold in common."

"It represents the will of the peoples of the North Atlantic community not only to safeguard their freedom but to seek increasing fulfillment of it."

Persian Finance Minister Resigns

TEHERAN, Wednesdy (Reuter). — Prime Minister Mossadeq will soon reshuffle his Cabinet, which now has vacancies, it was officially announced. Finance Minister Mohammed Ali Varasteh has presented his resignation to the Premier, but the latter has not yet replied.

Meanwhile, police today banned all demonstrations and mass meetings as a security measure.

Prior to this last resignation the Cabinet had already had vacancies in the Ministries of Justice, Economy, Posts and Tiegraphs and Roads. Observers here said that the reason behind the replacement of provincial governors-general was an attempt to create the right atmosphere for the forthcoming elections, due in November.

On the oil front, Iran today ordered two senior British officials of the Anglo-Iranian oil company to leave Iran by Sunday. They withdrew the residence permits of Mr. J. Cunningham, superintendent of communications, and Mr. Dudley Box, shipping manager.

Harriman Reply To Mossadeq Released

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter).—Mr. Averell Harriman, President Truman's special envoy, has told the Persian Premier, Mohammed Mossadeq, that it would militate against a settlement of the oil dispute if he handed Persia's latest proposals on to Britain.

Dr. Mossadeq in his letter to Mr. Harriman stated that if a satisfactory conclusion was not achieved within 15 days from the time his proposals were submitted to the British Government, Persia would cancel the residence permits of the British oilmen still remaining in the southern oilfields.

The text of Mr. Harriman's letter sent to Dr. Mossadeq on September 15 was released here today with Mr. Mossadeq's letter to Mr. Harriman.

Mr. Harriman said: "The proposals which you have set forth do not represent an advance from the positions taken in the discussions in Teheran and in some respects appear to be the opposite. I believe the problem with which Persia and Great Britain are confronted can be settled only by negotiations based upon recognition of the practical business and technical aspects of the oil industry and based upon mutual goodwill between the parties.

Mr. Harriman assured the Prime Minister that he continued to stand ready to assist in any possible way in finding a just solution.

STOP PRESS

Trouble in Aden

LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — The World Jewish Congress approached the Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, here tonight regarding tension created between Moslems and Jews in Aden over the case of a Jewish girl, Arouka Mansour, who is under 18 and eloped with a Moslem and was converted.

The Supreme Court ruled that she be returned to her mother and that she was not a Moslem, but the ruling was not executed because of threats of violence and bloodshed by Moslems. When she was taken to the house of a Doctor Cochrane, regarded as neutral, there were Arab demonstrations and violence.

The Jewish Community Council of Aden appealed to the W.J.C. to take immediate action to "redeem the captive, vindicate justice and assure the community's security."

British Opposed To Spain in NATO

DUNDEE, SCOTLAND, Wednesday (Reuter). — The War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, said here last night the British Government was utterly opposed to Spain joining the Atlantic Pact. He said, "The pact is a pact of democratic nations and by no stretch of the imagination can Spain be called one."

Mr. Strachey said the Persian Government's suggestions for settling the oil dispute had an entirely unfair basis. "We have not given way to them but we have not waved the big stick either. I feel confident that in the end we shall get a perfectly fair and reasonable settlement in which both sides will make concessions, but it has to be done with an enormous amount of patience."

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Social & Personal

Yesterday and Tuesday's flights were cancelled owing to weather conditions. Among those who had planned to travel were Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Herzog. Mr. Herzog is now in Jerusalem. They were also expected at the Hebrew University on the Mount. Prof. M. Schwabe, the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Prof. A. Reifenberg, the Acting Administrator, Mr. Y. Aranne, the Director of the National and University Library, Dr. G. Wormser, and the Financial Secretary, Mr. Max Nurock. They last visited the University on Mt. Scopus in 1947.

Mr. I. Greenberg, vice-chairman of the Los Angeles United Jewish Appeal campaign, and Mrs. Greenberg, were received by the Prime Minister in Jerusalem yesterday. They were accompanied by Mr. R. Buhl, former Consul in Los Angeles.

Mr. Y.A. Jordana, the newly appointed Labour Attache of the Argentine Legation, called upon the Histadrut Executive last week and was received by Mr. R. Barkatt.

Mr. Y. Kolberg, chairman of the Pharmacists' Association has left for Rome to participate in the International Congress of Pharmacists.

Dr. A. B. Yashaya, Deputy Director of the General Administration Division of the Ministry of the Interior, has been appointed Acting District Representative for the Haifa District and the Acre Sub-district of Galilee.

MDA Assumes IRC's Missing Persons Search

Israel and Jordan representatives are to meet today at Mandelbaum Gate, in Jerusalem to discuss problems arising out of the suspension of International Red Cross services in the two countries a fortnight ago, according to Falastin.

The I.R.C.'s missing persons file has been taken over by the Magen David Adom, the M.D.A. announced yesterday.

Persons searching for missing relatives have been requested to write to P.O.B. 35 at Hakirya.

The MDA last week received an ambulance from the "Friends of the Magen David Adom" in Peru.

Department Surprised By Hospital's Shortage

The country's stocks of antibodies and other essential pharmaceuticals would permit the uninterrupted functioning of health institutions were it not for supply difficulties outside the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, the Hospitals' Department of the Ministry stated this week.

It announced that foreign currency allotments for pharmaceuticals had been considerably increased during the past year, despite the severe restriction on hard currency expenditures, and that stocks through far from adequate, had improved.

It therefore found it surprising that the Haifa Municipal Hospital had undergone a serious crisis this year.

Regarding complaints of the Ministry's failure to assure regular supply, the Department asserted that the system of handling foreign currency did not preclude independent efforts by medical institutions.

It went on to state that the fact that ether which the Hospital had ordered in March had not yet arrived, did not mean that there was no ether in the country.

The 100 bottles of ether ordered by the Director of the Hospital, which he claimed that he had received at a private pharmacy after many difficulty, were supplied to that pharmacy by the Ministry immediately after the Director informed the Ministry of the shortage by phone.

This could have been done before closing the Hospital's Surgical Department, the statement concluded.

PICA Donates IL 2,000 For Synagogue, Centre

The Palestine Jewish Colonization Association (PICA) has donated IL. 1,000 to the construction of a new synagogue at Yesod Hama'ala in Upper Galilee. The building is to replace the old synagogue destroyed by shells during the War of Independence.

The Association has also given IL 1,000 to the Pardess Hanna Local Council for a youth centre, in memory of the residents of the town who fell in World War II and the Arab-Jewish War.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.
ARNON: Maria Antonietta (5.30 & 9).
EDEN: King Solomon's Mines. Also at 10.30 a.m.
RIVOLI: The Girl Who Took the Veil.
ZION: No Way Out.
ORPHEO: Vivere in Pace.

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Serious Flaws Found In Israel Tax Scheme

By Our Economic Correspondent

TAXATION should accomplish three things: it should supply the money for the administrative machinery of the State, it should be adjusted to permit individual incentive in work and production and it should redistribute the wealth of the nation in order to achieve social equality. It is not always possible to arrive at these three goals simultaneously. But something is surely amiss with a tax scheme when two out of these three aims remain theoretical. This is precisely the position in Israel today, insofar as our income tax is concerned. When the present scale was introduced, its purpose seemed most unclear. The principle of filling state coffers quickly was certainly uppermost. The idea of encouraging production through taxation lagged far behind and was not even recognized or defined when the last budget came up for Knesset discussion.

In the meantime the economic position changed in several important respects. First of all, the unofficial wage-freeze was abandoned and wages went up, the Government and private employers yielding wherever the pressure was greatest. This and several other factors made for rising inflation even though the Treasury stopped issuing Treasury bills. All estimates on income tax were upset. Those who paid as they earned were at a serious disadvantage in comparison to those who paid yearly tax returns. The office of the Collector of Internal Revenue was unable to cope with the task of querying all returns and many people cashed in on inflation via delayed tax collection. With rising inflation and rising wages, more and more people reached the famous "freezing point" and the temptation to evade taxation became greater. The joint return which automatically forced married working women into higher brackets was responsible for hundreds of teachers, nurses *et al* leaving their professions. The peak of economic absurdity was reached when skilled workers and members of the professions refused to work overtime because they were not interested in working only for Kaplan. On top of all this, there came the agreement between the Collector of Internal Revenue and the employees of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation which reduced their tax on overtime to 10 per cent.

Social Justice Flouted

Thus a scheme designed to yield high income for the State cannot be fully exploited because the essential administrative apparatus is missing. At the same time, social justice is flouted because many pay no taxes at all or pay far less than is required of them. More serious yet is the fact that income tax has become a major obstacle to expansion of production and now threatens to result in complete economic anarchy because an agreement with a given group of employees can provide them with specific tax privileges. The time is obviously not distant when other groups occupying key positions will refuse to work overtime unless they are granted the same exemptions as their colleagues of the Electric Corporation.

There is almost complete agreement today that basic reform is urgently needed in our tax structure. The Knesset is still handicapped by lack of a Cabinet and there is little hope that any change will be introduced before the new budget is voted upon next month. An interim budget will again have to fill the gap inadequately. Actually, there is no need to wait for a new budget. Changes could be introduced in the present tax scale at once. One of the Parties or even a Member of the Knesset should take the initiative and prepare a bill to this effect right now. We cannot afford to add to our economic problems by patently inefficient taxation. Nor can we afford the resulting demoralization which is spreading even to the law-abiding citizen.

KNESSET SETS UP 8 COMMITTEES

Eight parliamentary committees were formed by the Knesset on Monday and the ninth, the House Committee, will be formed next week. Meanwhile, the Steering Committee was empowered to serve as a House Committee until it is formed.

Pending the election of chairmen, it was agreed that the persons who headed the First Knesset's committees should temporarily continue in their capacities.

Thus, Mr. David Z. Pinkas (Mapai), will head the Finance Committee; Mr. Meir Argov (Mapai), the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee; Mr. Akiva Govrin (Mapai), the Labour Committee; Mrs. Shoshana Persitz (General Zionists) the Education Committee, and Mr. Benyamin Mintz, (Poalei Agudat Israel), the Interior Committee.

Mapam will name provisional chairmen for the Legislation and the Economic committees because their chairmen, Dr. Nahum Nir and Mr. Menahem Bader respectively, were not re-elected to the House. Herut will name a chairman to the Public Services Committee in place of Mr. Abraham Rikanati, who also was not re-elected.

Appeal for Winter Ma'bara Fund

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM) — An appeal to the public for IL.200,000 to help the women and children in the ma'barot during the coming winter was voiced here yesterday by Mrs. Aliza Shidlovsky in the name of the Working Women's Council of the Histadrut.

Last year the Council raised IL.100,000 on a purely voluntary basis, Mrs. Shidlovsky said. Funds now on hand will not suffice for the needs of the coming winter, she added. The Council opened kindergartens and creches in 40 of the 100 existing ma'barot and is giving instruction to mothers in the care of babies at 32 ma'barot. Aid from the Ministry of Social Welfare has been inadequate, the speaker said.

BOND DRIVE SETS UP OFFICE IN JERUSALEM

The Independence Bond Drive has established an Israel office in Jerusalem. Mr. Yohanan Ramati has been appointed to head the office.

Corridor Cement Plants To Fill Local Needs

Two giant cement factories are going up in the Jerusalem Corridor. They are expected to fill Israel's demand for this important product with ease as well as provide work for hundreds in an area which has hitherto been bare of industry.

The larger plant, belonging to Shimshon, which is being built on the outskirts of Hartuv is to have an annual production schedule of about 350,000 tons of Portland cement.

Outside of Ramle, Nesher is constructing a plant with an annual capacity of 150,000 tons. The only other cement factory in the country at present — the Nesher plant at Haifa — produces 400,000 tons a year.

When the two new factories being operating within a year or more, Israel cement production is expected to be more than doubled, meeting the estimated maximum demand at that time. Israel has been using about half a million tons of cement a year, but it is considered that 60 per cent more is required.

The sites of the two factories were chosen for their proximity to natural deposits of limestone and clay, both basic ingredients in cement. The factories will also be close to the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway line.

The Shimshon site was selected in 1935 after extensive surveys by ICI engineers. Riots, the World War and other difficulties precluded any real work being done until 1946, when large stocks of equipment were brought to the site and preliminary construction begun. In 1948, however, Arab gangs destroyed all that had been done and the company sustained a loss of IL.300,000, about two-thirds of which has been repaid by the insurance company.

Power Plant

Adjoining the main factory building, a large structure, built with 2,400 tons of steel, will be a self-contained Diesel power plant, generating enough electricity for the cement works, a factory for making paper cement bags, a machine shop and forge, a laboratory, an oil pumping station, a store house, and an administration building. About 20 houses are being built nearby to accommodate the staff which includes more than a dozen foreign experts, mostly from Britain. Over 300 workers are to be employed.

The Nesher plant near Ramle is in an earlier stage of construction, having been begun only five months ago. The plant is to obtain its power from the Palestine Electric Corporation's lines.

The plant has been designed and will be operated solely by local experts with more than 20 years of experience, the Haifa plant. Special railroad sidings are to be built to bring the raw materials from the quarry. Solel Boneh is building both factories.

High Court Rejects Order Against P.M.

The High Court in Jerusalem early this week rejected Mr. Menahem Plaia's application for an order nisi against the Prime Minister Mr. Plaia, of the Bet Halevy Moshav Shitufi in the Emek Hefer, asked that the Prime Minister show cause why, after long delay, he has not yet received IL.280 as reimbursement for the loss of his only cow and horse which allegedly were stolen by marauders.

The applicant, who appeared without counsel, claimed that it was the respondent's duty to guarantee the effective guarding of the frontiers and to protect Israelis against losses caused by marauders. The Prime Minister's Office had already admitted its responsibility and promised payment which has been delayed, Mr. Plaia said.

The court, consisting of Justices Cheshin, Zuta, and Shereshevsky, held that the application did not belong in the High Court but in a lower court.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

"Danger of Decay" In Political Life

The presentation of the new provisional budget causes "Ha'aretz" (Independent) to warn of the "danger of decay" in our political life growing out of the prolonged government crisis which started in April when Mr. Kaplan proposed a temporary budget in view of the impending elections. The budget question has to all intents and purposes been in the hands of the Knesset subcommittee and arrangement not unsatisfactory to the Treasury, since the budget has thus been considered behind closed doors, the paper notes. The public however, is not pleased with such an arrangement, "Ha'aretz" maintained.

"Omer," the Histadrut's vowelled daily, urges limiting each Cabinet member to one portfolio, claiming past experience has demonstrated that administrative efficiency is apt to suffer when one Ministers heads two or three offices.

"Haboker," (General Zionists) characterizing the present cabinet situation as "intolerable," calls on Mapai, in view of the emergency situation at home and of foreign policy problems, to refrain from further efforts at "combinations" designed to establish a "workers' government" against the majority's will.

"Herut" and "Davar" (Histadrut) are concerned about the Palestine Conciliation Commission's demands for the return to Israel of Arab refugees. The former emphasizes the danger of an "Arab fifth column" and urges the public not to leave this matter to the discretion of our professional diplomats.

Sign of Partiality

The P.C.C. rejection of direct negotiations, as proposed by Israel, is termed by "Davar" a sign of partiality. The Commission's demand for the return of 300,000 Arabs cannot be considered a basis for negotiations, since it is unaccompanied by assurances that this step would be taken in the context of a peace settlement.

The second face of both "Davar" and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) was dedicated to the 30th Anniversary of Sin Hared.

While "Al Hamishmar" deals with matters of foreign policy in the face into a new world war", "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) engages in polemics with "Haboker" (Dispute The latter had noted that Mrs. S. Wilenska, Communist member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council, had abstained on the issue of kosher meat distribution. "Kol Ha'am" explains that Mrs. Wilenska abstained in protest against the Government's food distribution policy.

ON THE AIR

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6, 9.30 and 10.35 p.m. **English:** 2 and 10.15 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m. **French:** 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. **6.35** Exercises. **6.45** Musical Clock (III). **7.15** Melodies. **7.45** Oriental Music: A. Amar. **8.20** Close Down.

12.50 p.m. Morning Concert (R). **12.20** Opera (R). **11.00** Concert Hall: Prelude & Fugue for String Trio (Bach-Mozart); String Trio (Haydn); String Trio (Florentz-Schmitt). **11.15** Military Bands (R). **12.00** Break for Music (R). **12.30** Agricultural News. **12.50** Programme for Hospitals. **1.00** Soldiers' Programme. **1.45** Housewives' Programme. **2.15** Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Musical Miniatures (R). **4.20** "Where to Go" (Jerusalem). **4.30** Violin Recital: Sascha Parmen (T.A.). **5.00** Programme for Youngsters. **5.30** Interlude. **5.36** Child's Corner. **5.45** Interlude. **6.15** Labouring Corner. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** "From Worker to Worker." **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00** Soldiers' Programme. **8.45** "The Knesset and its Committees". Talk by Z. Kaber. **9.00** Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Moshe Vilensky. Soloist: Shmuhon Neuman. Light Music & Songs. **9.30** "The Economic Struggle" by Y. Ramon. **9.45** Talmud Lesson by Rabbi Nurock. **10.30** Treasures of Old Music (R). **11.15** Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (25.3 M.): 8.30 p.m. **French:** 7.00 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.30 p.m. **Yiddish:** 8.00 p.m. **Turkish:** 8.15 p.m. **Persian.**

Kol Zion Lagola (32.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 "Israel's Press" by Col. M. Pearlman. 12.35 Requests. 12.45 Hebrew for Beginners, by A. Rosen.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 The Tune of the Week. 7.55 London Letter.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (207, 225 & 41.6 M.): 9.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 9.35 Melodies. 6.45 Request Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Works by Mussorgsky. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.45 "Correct Hebrew" by R. Sivan; 8.50 Musical Quiz. 9.20 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme 2—2.30 p.m. (13.93, 16.85, 17.01 & 19.07 from U.S.A.; 12.67 & 25.36 from Tangiers).

UNITED NATIONS: Hebrew Programme 8.15 a.m. (25.27 m. and 30.93 m.).

LOCAL WEEK-END SOCCER GAMES

Local soccer sides are warming up for the start of the 1951-2 season in a couple of weeks' time and some more friendly matches were played off over the week-end.

Among the seniors, Hadera Hapoel pulled off the win of the card at home, beating Zichron Yaacov Hapoel by 5-1, after leading 3-1 halfway. Petah Tikva Hapoel did as well in a visit to Haifa Hapoel to win by 2-1, after being 0-1 behind at the interval.

The other two seniors games resulted in draws. A new name appeared among Israel's football sides in Tel Aviv, Egged. They had the advantage over their hosts, Nathanya Maccabi, by 1-0 after 45 minutes, but the home side drew level to one-all by the final whistle.

Ramatana Hapoel led 1-0 over Hnifa Hapoel Port Workers in the first half, but the visitors netted the only goal of the second period to end up with honours even at 1-1.

One of the two youth matches brought the highest score of the day, the local "derby" between Hapoel's Maccabi and Hapoel youth sides, the Maccabi team winning by 7-1. Ramana's Hapoel lads also gained a good win, beating visiting Herzlia Befar's youth side by 4-1.

High Basketball Scoring

A basketball tournament for Maccabi sides at Tiberias on Saturday featured a game in the men's section which totalled 176 points, when Tel Aviv Maccabi beat the hosts, Tiberias Maccabi, by 146 to 30. Top scorer in this hectic game was A. Schneour, for the winners, with a personal tally of 34.

The results in the other games were: Girls: Tel Aviv Bitya 14, Tiberias 8. Youth: Tiberias 25, T. A. Maccabi A, Bet Tiberias "A" 12, Tiberias "B" 9, Tiberias "C" 25, Tiberias "D" 5.

Only One Side Is 100 Per Center

Although the current English football season is only a few weeks old, there only remains one side with a 100 per cent record, Oldham Athletic, of the Third Division North.

Cup holders, Newcastle United, again notched a seven-goal win last Saturday when they defeated Burnley 7-1, while reigning champions Tottenham Hotspur — whom Newcastle slammed 7-2 a couple of weeks back — travelled to luckless Stoke City to inflict a 6-1 defeat on them.

Manchester United top the First Division. They gained a home win over Manchester City by 2-1 on Saturday. The famous Aston Villa, for so long in the doldrums in the premier Division, are delighting English fans with their high standard of play and now stand second in the table. The "Spurs" are very much in the running for retaining their champions status. After a series of misfortunes with centre-halves, having lost their first team man, reserve and second reserve through injuries in the first few weeks, are back in form and lie third. Another "doldrum" team doing well this year is Bolton Wanderers, who were third until their home defeat on Saturday, but are still in sixth spot.

Sheffield United lead the Second Division with a clear points advantage. They are closely chased by their neighbours, the Wednesday, and the Nottingham sides, the Forest and County. A.K.

Hapoel Side to Tour France, Belgium

Petah Tikva Hapoel's soccer team is scheduled to leave Israel on September 25 for France, where they are to play a series of matches. Their first engagement is in Paris on October 3, when they face Stade Francais. Five days later, Oct. 13, they will appear at Nancy, against the local club, while on the following day, Oct. 14, they are due at Strasbourg to play the local Racing Club. After these games Petah Tikva will leave for Belgium where they face the Racing Club de Bruxelles in the Belgian capital.

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RAMAT GAN: Ramat Gan, 51 Bialik.

GIVATAYIM: Noga, opp. the Fire station.

HAIFA: Schmidt, 45 Herzl, 4047, International, 39 Azamaut, 2586.

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before Justices Cheshin, Zohar & Shereshevsky: (Cr.A.51/51): Z. Cohen (rep. by Kaniel) v. Attorney General (Motion 125/51): Mahmed Ali Ahmed & Others (rep. by Hamadi) v. Minister of Interior.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema.

9-1, 2-6: **Exhibitions:** New Acquisitions; Israel Painters; Lithographs by Toulouse-Lautrec. Exhibition of the Moshi. Engraved gem, Palestine 3rd—6th century A.D. Rockefeller Museum.

10-1; 4-7: **Special Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by Jerusalem artists.** Artists House.

11.30-12.30: **Film Shows of Israel:** Keren Hayesod Head Office.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m. Theological and Scientific Library—Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

10 a.m.-6 p.m.: WIZO Handicrafts Exhibition, WIZO School, Winston Avenue.

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The District Arnona Offices will send a suitable Declaration Form to owners of the above-mentioned property. Those owners who have not received the declaration forms before October 15, 1951, must apply for them to the Arnona Offices, and submit them immediately.
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Many Reservists of Tel Aviv and vicinity have recently received personal orders at their houses, to report at their Reserves Unit with the intention of checking their military documents, keeping contact and receiving instructions.
In order to avoid crowding and loss of time, special arrangements have been made to receive and release speedily the persons concerned. Therefore, the time for reporting has been arranged from 4 p.m. onwards.
With the cooperation of persons reporting on the given date and time, with the necessary military documents, and Government Identity Card, the arrangements are expected to be successful. Despite this, it is unavoidable that each person concerned will have to wait one or two hours at the reporting station until his matters are completed.
Prompt reporting is obligatory, and disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier who does not report.
Ministry of Defence, Public Relations Department
HAIFA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Reception hours at the District Development Authority offices in Haifa are, until further notice, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays and Fridays. The address of the Office is: 15 Persian Street, Haifa. Tel. 4269.
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Tel Aviv Port	79	75	79	29
Ta'ida Airport	85	72	74	33
Jerusalem	81	58	59	29

Forecast: Fair.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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150 TONS of plywood from Afikim, 20 Kaiser-Frazer cars, and a quantity of carbon dioxide were exported from Haifa on Monday.

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1,000 tons of kasher frozen meat from the Argentine are due in Haifa on Saturday.

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No change was recorded in the amount of currency in circulation during the past week, acording to the Bank Leumi.

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29 infiltrators were apprehended by police, Sunnorus and the Frack between September 14 to 16, a military spokesman announced yesterday.

More Electric Cuts Expected Today

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Further restrictions on electricity are expected to be announced tomorrow when the public committee on electricity concludes its talks with Palestine Electric Corporation officials here. The P.E.C. officials are understood to have given a report today on the recent breakdown of the 12,000 kilowatt generator in the Reading Plant here and to have recommended further electricity cuts.

Officials refused to comment, however, on today's meeting. Tel Aviv again suffered periodic interruptions in current which lasted from half to a full hour, and took place in different parts of the city throughout the day.

Housing Deadline Extended

Registration for Popular Housing will reopen for one week at the end of September, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday. Because the goal of 48,000 units has not yet been reached, it was decided to extend registration beyond last Friday's deadline.

According to official figures, nearly 30,000 people have already paid the IL.100 deposit, 14,000 in Tel Aviv; more than 5,000 in Haifa and over 2,000 in Jerusalem.

ICE IN BEERSHEBA

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — This city today got ice in quantity when the Saligon Factory began operating after being out of commission for two months. It is producing 400 blocks daily, while the only other factory here, that of Hamashbir, produces 320 blocks. Each family is now allowed half a block daily.

Ration News

NORTHERN AREA — Eggs: 2, Kevin 12, visitors, 9. Chicken: 250 grams, Yav 11; visitors, 42. Expectant mothers, 1 kilo, Tet, Bed: elderly persons, 500 grams, Nun 21, Nun 31. Live fish: 150 grams, Nun 31; visitors, 20. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Yud 4; visitors, 33. Potatoes: 1 kilo, Yud 13; visitors, 32. Onions: 500 grams, Yud 23; visitors, 28. Apples: 250 grams, children up to 18 years of age, Lamed 31; visitors, 41. Grapes: 250 grams, Yud 14, visitors 30. Bananas: 500 grams, children up to 18 years of age, Lamed 21; visitors, 40. Butter: for 62 persons.

SOUTHERN AREA — Eggs: 3, Zayin 12; visitors 4. Ill persons, Bet and Gimel, 11. Chicken: 250 grams, Yav 1; visitors, 27. Ill persons, Aleph, 3; Bet and Gimel, 11; elderly persons, 250 grams, Nun 21; second ration, 250 grams, Nun 31. Liver: 150 grams, Mem 9. Live Carp: 150 grams, Mem 9; visitors, 28. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Yud 22; visitors, 40. Onions: 500 grams, Yud 23; visitors, 30. Potatoes: 1 kilo, Yud 13; visitors, 31.

TEL AVIV: Tomatoes: 250 grams, Yud 22; visitors, 46. 120 pruta per kilogram distribution in zones 2, 3, 4, 5. Potatoes: 1 kilo, Yud 13; visitors, 37. 70 pruta per kilo, small: 27 9.51. Onions: 500 grams, Yud 23, visitors, 47. 100 pruta per kilo, distribution ends on Sept. 27. Cucumbers: 150 grams, 783, distribution in zone 5. Bananas: 500 grams, Aleph, Kaf 10, Bet, Tradi 11; Gimel, Peh, 11; visitors, 48. 250 pruta per kilo, distribution in zone 6. Carp: 150 grams, Mem 21; containers denting 300 grams, Gimel 22, visitors, 34, distribution today only. Apples: 250 grams, Aleph, Kaf 11; Bet Tradi, 21; Gimel, Peh, 21, distribution in zones 6, 7, 8. Chocolate: for diabetics, available at Landau, 73 Allenby; Shapira, 90 Allenby; 97 Allenby; Pichler, 36 Bels, 57 Allenby; Carmel; Rosner, 46 King George; Adler 3 Ben Yehuda; Kohler, 28 Ben Yehuda; Lowenstein, 54 Ben Yehuda; Kapota, 14 Achuz Alley; New Maccabi Quarters, 135 Dizengoff; Binstal, 5 Herzl; Schlesinger, 11 Achuz Bathing.

Diamonds, Iron In Nathanya

NATHANYA, Wednesday. — The laying of a cornerstone to a diamond bourse here was part of today's Industrial Week activities. Factories in the area visited today included diamond-cutting plants, Philip's electric light factory, a plant which has begun assembling carburetors, two wool-processing plants now under construction, a scrap-iron recovery plant, and a champagne factory.

Mr. B. Hoflander, Director-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, said the investors came from many countries and had found their place in industry.

In the Nathanya Industrial Centre, 40 factories were already working or were under construction. This represented an investment of IL.8m., said Mayor O. Ben Ami. Another Industrial Centre, the Mayor declared, twice a large as the present one, is to be opened south of the town shortly.

Nathanya's industrial development was reflected in the town's population, which has trebled during the past two years. The diamond bourse is being erected by a group of Belgian dealers who are building an "Antwerp" residential quarter near Nathanya. The bourse is to cover 2,000-square metres.

Nathanya is Israel's diamond cutting centre. The Shalbi diamond-cutting plant, which was among the factories visited, intends to export $20,000 worth of industrial diamonds monthly. It is owned by Mr. S. Weinstein, a Russian-born Antwerp diamond industrialist.

Scrap Iron

The Urdan works now under construction, is to utilise scrap iron which exists in sufficient quantities in Israel. It is scheduled to produce pipe fittings from scrap iron, saving about IL.1m. annually in foreign currency.

Some of the funds for the Guggenheim wool-processing plant have come from Switzerland. The machinery of Wollenenelter's wool factory is from Germany where its owner was confined in a concentration camp during the war. It is to be equipped with 2,000 spindles when completed.

Sections of automobile carburetors and spare parts are being produced by Mr. Labi, of Tripoli, who has obtained Italian patents. The "Israel" champagne plant is soon to start production, under the supervision of a French expert.

Tomorrow's visit, which will conclude Industry Week, will take place in the Jerusalem Corridor as well as Jerusalem proper. Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan is expected to conclude the Week with a press conference in the afternoon.

SALE OF SCRIP NOT FORBIDDEN

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — No order forbidding the sale of Scrip certificates has been issued and they are still being sold for dollars, it was officially announced yesterday.

By agreement with other "dollar" shops, "Scrip for Israel" is restricting sugar sales to 25 per cent of the total purchase. This move has been necessitated by the unexpected demand for sugar following the local shortage. The company has the serial numbers of the more than $1,000 worth of Scrip certificates stolen from their store in Jaffa this week, it was said.

Although no accurate statistics have been compiled on the firm's month and a half of operations, the items which seem in greater than anticipated demand are sugar, tinned and dried fruits, sausage and "Nescafe." Those items which are in less demand than expected are tinned meats, tea and chocolate.

38 ARRESTED IN T.A. MONEY MART

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — Economic Police arrested 38 persons in the Rehov Lilienblum "unofficial currency market" here today. Among the detainees was a tourist reportedly in possession of large sums of sterling currency. Seventeen persons, released after investigation, revealed that they had been dealing in merchandise and not in currency.

The Anti-Profiteering Court here yesterday tried seven immigrants from nearby Nahalat who were charged with black-marketeering in vegetables and sentenced them within 24 hours of their arrest.

The summary procedure was adopted upon request of the police, who claimed that the accused would move from their present temporary dwellings and would not be located. The Magistrate, who accepted the plea of the accused that they were unfamiliar with the law, sentenced them to minimal fines of IL.3 and IL.4. Each of them was also bound over in the sum of IL.100 to be of good conduct for a year.

Economic Police today uncovered large quantities of tinned meat and apple sauce as well as chocolate in the home of a local grocer who had been reported to be dealing in the black market.

Tel Aviv municipal rates may be paid in at all collection stations up to 6 p.m. daily. They may also be paid into the Municipality's account at all banks in the city.

Tryfus Prosecution Witnesses Told to Leave Jerusalem

Two witnesses who had earlier testified for the prosecution in the Tryfus-Schwartzbart trial in Jerusalem District Court, Gershon Ritov and Shimshon Hinson, were yesterday ordered by the Court President, Dr. B. Halevy, to leave the city immediately and to return to Haifa as their presence "disturbed" the court proceedings.

At the conclusion of a three-day defence cross-examination of prosecution witness A. Warburg, the former Haifa constable, a defence attorney, Mr. I.D. Kommissar directed the judge's attention to the witness's gestures in the direction of the spectators, where Hinson and Ritov were sitting.

Mr. Kommissar asked Warburg if he felt ill. On receiving a reply in the negative, Dr. Halevy ordered Hinson and Ritov to leave Jerusalem, as they were too much involved in the matter at hand. A spectator sitting between them was also asked to leave the courtroom.

Cross-Examination

During the cross-examination, and later re-examination by District Attorney Ezra Hadaya, Warburg

- again maintained that Tryfus had four times tried to persuade him to change his evidence or not to testify at all, offering him a bribe of IL.1,000;
- insisted that the initiative for all these meetings, two of which took place at the Carmelia Court, one at Cafe Cripps and one in a car, came not from him but from Tryfus and that the invitation to these meetings had been conveyed by Police Sergeant Kupper, aide-de-camp to Tryfus;
- denied that he had been beaten by Ritov at Spinney's Cafe and that, in revenge, he himself had later organized the ambush attack on Ritov and Hinson;
- denied that Ritov had offered him a job, flat or room if he would change the evidence he had given at the initial inquiry before Inspector Steiger;
- denied that he had received a job as chauffeur from a friend of Ritov's;
- admitted having come to Jerusalem for the trial in the company of Ritov and Hinson and that he shared his present hotel room in Jerusalem with two other prosecution witnesses who have not yet testified;
- denied knowledge of an alleged Haifa underground plot to "get even" with Tryfus, who was the head of the mobile police;
- stressed the great influence of Tryfus on other policemen at the Eastern Police Station.

The Judge sternly warned the witness against presenting false evidence, especially in view of the dictaphone recording of an alleged conversation between himself and Tryfus. Warburg, however, stood by his testimony, insisting that the recordings were false.

Warburg's cross examination, which lasted until noon, was conducted by Mr. Kommissar who, at the beginning of yesterday's session, had announced that he was now representing former Police Inspector Tryfus. Gfir B. Geichman, his previous attorney, had resigned on the previous day. Mr. Kommissar also said that Dr. W. Shreuer would replace him as counsel for Schwartzbart.

Also testifying yesterday was Eddy Catalani (Klein), who claimed that, as a policeman at the Eastern Police Station, he had been ordered, together with others, to ambush Ritov and Hinson and beat them. He said he had heard Tryfus give orders for the removal from the station diary of certain pages dealing with the events of that night.

The trial will resume this morning at 9 o'clock.

Supreme Court Annuls Order

The Supreme Court yesterday annulled its order nisi of May 25 ordering the Director of the Tel Mond Prison to show cause why Mordechai Anshel, convicted of murder by a military tribunal, should not be permitted to bring his request for release before the Supreme Court and why Anshel should not be released.

Anshel had been sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment by a special military tribunal last November 5 for having murdered an Arab, Mahmud Salim, in a military camp on June 9, where the applicant had served as chief artillery-man. Anshel had appealed against the sentence on the grounds of nullity.

He claimed that since the examining Judge Advocate had, for lack of evidence of premeditation, committed him for manslaughter, the Chief Military Prosecutor had not been justified in charging him with murder. Moreover, a manslaughter charge should have been heard in a District Court, rather than by a military tribunal.

Anshel's appeal was rejected by the Military Supreme Court and his sentence was confirmed by the Chief of Staff. He appealed to the Supreme Court for an order nisi.

Yesterday's detailed judgment by the Supreme Court annulled its order nisi, noting that, according to the regulations governing the trial of soldiers, valid at the time of the offence, the charge sheet presented at the special tribunal had been legal and, therefore, the applicant's conviction and subsequent imprisonment had also been legal.

Anshel was represented by Mr. Asher Levitsky.

No Fodder, If No Milk, Says Ministry

Any stoppage in milk delivery by private producers would be combatted by the cutting off of fodder allotments, the Ministry of Agriculture stated yesterday in response to a stoppage threat voiced recently at a meeting of independent dairymen.

It was stated that all fodder allocations were now being delivered, and that 94 per cent had been delivered in August.

Pointing out therefore that the dairymen would suffer from the fact that distributors were to receive a five pruta increase in the delivery of each litre of milk while retail price remained stable, the Ministry stated that producers would actually receive additional profits from the new arrangements. They would also get a 90 per cent advance on the subsidy for their products, instead of the 75 per cent pre-payments paid heretofore. The difference between the advances and the actual sums accruing to dairymen would be paid at the end of each month on presentation of accounts, as previously, it was stated.

The Ministry agreed that producers in the Tel Aviv area had not yet benefited from the increased price. This was because standard milk was not yet being distributed in the city.

Regarding the dairymen's complaints concerning the sales price of beef cattle, the Ministry announced that it had been decided the cattle should be sold at special prices through a central agency.

Jerusalem Butchers Ask Rise in Price

Higher meat prices were demanded last night by a meeting of Jerusalem butchers.

Some of them called for a strike, but the majority pointed out that a committee of representatives of the government, the public and the butchers was now studying the problem. It was felt that action should be postponed until the committee completes its work.

The meeting adopted a resolution urging the committee to accelerate its deliberations.

U.S. Navy Grants Funds For Surveys in Israel

A number of American organizations are "highly interested" in making social surveys in Israel because of its mixed populations and cultures, Dr. Ruth Ludwig, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Social Research in Israel, reported yesterday in Jerusalem. The Committee is the U.S. representative of the Israel Institute of Applied Social Research.

The U.S. Navy Bureau of Research has granted the Institute $13,000 to test the new theory of determining mental abilities drawn up by Dr. Louis Guttman, the Institute's Director.

The U.S. Air Force is considering a $50,000 grant to have the organization make a "cultural study of the Israel population."

A survey of the adjustment of new immigrants will be completed with $50,000 grants made by both the Marshall Field Foundation and the Littauer Foundation.

Other studies to be undertaken by the Institute include a number ordered by Government agencies. One will be on the reasons for employment turnover in industry, which has been requested by the Ministry of Labour.

Army Guards Rome Strike-Breakers

ROME, Wednesday (UP). — Heavily armed army and police detachments, called out to protect strike-breakers, guarded the Italian capital's central post and telegraph office today as an estimated 1,000,000 of Italy's 1,500,000 civil servants went on a 24-hour nation-wide general strike.

The strike for higher pay began one minute after midnight today and immediately tied up Italy's state-controlled railway network. All trains ceased operation, but tens of thousands of women refused to obey the strike call and, along with some men reported for work as usual this morning.

The government provided fleets of army buses to offset the railway tie-up in major cities. However, several hundred industrial plants in Milan and Turin — the industrial centre of Italy — were undermanned because some 200,000 workers were stranded as a result of the walk-out of suburban train employees.

The strikes were called by Italy's Communist, Christian Democrat and Social Democrat labour unions in protest against what they called the utterly inadequate pay increases proposed by the government.

The cabinet, which said the budget could not stand further outlays without increasing the danger of inflation, appealed to state employees to stay at work.

Aged Haifa Residents To Tour Galilee

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A scheme enabling elderly residents (who ordinarily have no opportunity of travelling) to spend a day sightseeing to get a close-up view of Israel's growth, was explained to the press by the Mayor, Mr. A. Hushi, today.

The Municipality has sent letters to the 2,300 private car owners in the District, appealing to them to take "grandparents" on tours between Metulla and Nathanya, on October 16, the third day of Succoth.

The outing is to be organized by the Municipality in cooperation with the Traffic Police which will lend motorcycle escorts. The car owners have been asked to reply to the Municipality by next Wednesday and public notices about the tour are to be posted.

WOMAN HIT BY TRAIN

Mrs. Zwara Ahron, a Yemenite immigrant living near Bet Safafa in Jerusalem, was found dead yesterday near the railroad tracks running from Mesher Haim to Bet Safafa.

Police believe that the woman may have been thrown against a nearby stone wall by a passing train. She died from a brain haemorrhage soon after the incident, police said.

King to Call On Papagos

ATHENS, Wednesday (AP). — The King of Greece will meet solemnly follow the spirit and letter of the constitution in giving his Mandate for a new government, when complete election results are known, and will certainly not seek to ignore General Papagos, an authoritative source said today.

The Mandate would, on the contrary be offered to Papagos as the leader of the largest party, he said. On the basis of present returns, complete except for a few soldier votes, Papagos will have approximately 107-112 seats, but these are not enough to obtain Parliament's vote of confidence.

Centre Agreement

General Papagos is therefore expected to decline the Mandate.

For the past few days reports emanating from usually reliable sources close to the palace said that the King was trying to avoid offering the Mandate to Papagos because of their personal differences. The authoritative source said today, however, that the King's attitude towards General Papagos would be precisely the same as towards any other leader of a political party.

General Papagos will be called for consultation with the King in a series of talks with other party leaders before the Mandate is officially given.

Mr. Plastiras' Progressive Union of the Centre and the Venizelos liberals appeared to be near agreement on a coalition which would give them 136 out of some 250 seats on the present returns. The number is based on an intricate system involving the size of the population, the number of registered voters, and the number who voted.

Tubercular Immigrants Strike for Housing

Fifteen tubercular immigrants from the Bat Galim Camp went on a hunger strike yesterday at the Jewish Agency Headquarters in Jerusalem. They were demanding housing and rehabilitation.

The immigrants, who started a sit-down strike at the Agency last Tuesday, complained that they had not yet received proper housing and had been living in a camp for over a year despite the fact that the International Refugee Organization paid a considerable sum for them when they immigrated to Israel.

They went home peacefully when Mr. B. Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, assured them that their grievances would soon be rectified.

Upon leaving the building, the immigrants declared that they and their families would start another hunger strike if no arrangements are made for them within a fortnight.

Grotewohl Repeats Unity Proposal

BERLIN, Wednesday (Reu.). — East German Premier Otto Grotewohl said today that he would be "satisfied with a smaller number" of East German delegates than West Germans at all-German talks for unity and all-German elections.

This went further than his statement to the East German Volkskammer (parliament) on Saturday that the question of parity at such talks was not "not of basic importance."

Mr. Grotewohl was speaking to thousands of workers at a steel plant at Fuerstenberg on the Oder, described as the largest in West Europe. "We do not care about the numbers. We want an understanding," Grotewohl said. "We want to straighten out questions among ourselves and not confer with American generals."

Parity on Council

Mr. Grotewohl said, "Our proposal stands. We want an all-German council on a basis of parity" to discuss:

- Free and secret general elections for a National Assembly.
- Speedy negotiations for a peace treaty.

Though he showed himself ready for preliminary talks without parity, he demanded parity on an all-German council which would actually prepare the elections.

100 Years Of 'The N.Y. Times'

NEW YORK, Wednesday (AP). — "The New York Times" yesterday observed the 100th anniversary of its founding.

The newspaper received congratulations from government officials, prominent persons and newspapers throughout the world, including President Truman, Chiang Kai Shek, Syngman Rhee, Lord Kemsley, Mr. William Casey, editor of the London Times, the Provincial Press Society of Great Britain, Denmark's "Berlingske Tidende," Norway's "Aftenposten," Sweden "Svensk's Daglade" and many others.

Youths Rush Contest

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Several hundred youths tried to break into the Ohel Shem Hall here tonight during the Mr. Israel Contest.

About a dozen police constables who rushed to the spot were met by an avalanche of stones, buckets of water and assorted objects. Police came without their night sticks, under orders.

About 100 of the young people succeeded in breaking into the hall before the Police arrived, and stayed to witness the performance. No arrests were made.

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Cables in Brief

EXECUTIONS. — Many executions of people were carried out in Kwangtung Province, southern China, in the 10 months ending August 31, the Chinese newspaper Sing Tao Jih Pao reported in Hong Kong yesterday.

AWARDED. — The Stalin Peace Prize of 100,000 roubles has been presented to Mme. Sun Yat-sen, widow of the "Father of the Chinese Republic" and elder sister of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's wife. She is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Chinese People's Republic.

SENTENCED. — The Warsaw press reported that two Catholic Jesuit priests have been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment on a charge of "hostile activity aimed at overthrowing the people's regime in Poland."

INVITATION. — Philippines President Quirino has accepted an invitation from General Franco to make a state visit to Spain next month, it was announced yesterday.

WRITES. — Leon Crystal, one of the editors of the Yiddish-language newspaper "Forward" in New York, left for Israel yesterday to write a series of articles.

EXCHANGE. — The Indian government has accepted a proposal of the Chinese Communist government to exchange "goodwill cultural missions," Premier Nehru declared in New Delhi yesterday.

U.K. Tourist Swallows Damaging Evidence

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — A tourist from London who allegedly tried to swallow an incriminating slip of paper was brought before the Magistrate's Court here yesterday by the Economic Police and charged with illegal currency dealings.

The accused's attorney said the tourist had recently opened a tractor repair workshop in Gedera, in which he had invested IL.20,000. According to the charge, the accused, Jonah Weininger, 46, had already lawfully imported machinery, but had later sold it to local persons in exchange for foreign currency payable abroad. When Police searched Weininger's quarters in Tel Aviv and allegedly found receipts and other documents showing he had illegal connections abroad, the accused reportedly tried to swallow one of the slips of paper.

The Magistrate, Mr. I. Ostercr, remanded the accused for six days.

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PALESTINE AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION LTD., JERUSALEM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1950

IL. As at 31.12.49		IL.	IL.	IL.
	FIXED ASSETS:			
	Water Plants:			
	In Kfar Hess—at Cost	2,126,250		
	In Kfar Elyashiv—at Cost less Settlers' Participation	1,029,996	3,156,246	
	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—at Nominal Value		1,000	
3,197,246				3,157,246
	LOANS TO AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS — (Including Interest up to 31.12.50 — aggregating IL. 53,229,001)			2,705,733,919
	CURRENT ASSETS:			
32,491,203	Mustad Investment, Ltd. — Loan		5,845,294	
11,309,253	Debtors and Debit Balances		19,962,147	
35,000,000	Securities — at Par Value and Cost		35,000,000	
	Deposits in Banks:			
	To secure Punctual Repayments by Borrowers, see Contra	9,256,956		
	For Redemption of Debentures and Interest — in the name of Trustees	6,833,470		
15,783,709			16,090,426	
91,342,826	Cash in Banks		142,139,516	
				219,037,383
	EXPENSES RE INCREASE OF SHARE CAPITAL — Partly written off			2,237,690
	There is a Floating Charge on the above Assets to secure the Debentures issued and the Interest accrued thereon, to the amount of IL.861,306,250.			
	PER CONTRA:			
	Water Plants — Registered in the name of the Association		216,127,040	
	Loans to Agricultural settlements given by Keren Kayemeth Leisrael Ltd.—Registered in the name of the Association		7,618,925	
	Total		223,745,974	
1,171,737,842				2,931,163,630

IL. As at 31.12.49	**OWN CAPITAL:**	IL. Authorized	IL. Issued and Fully Paid	IL.
	Share Capital:			
	Founders' Shares of IL.1,000 each	100,000	100,000	
	Ordinary Shares of IL.1,000 each	699,900,000	699,900,000	
	Total	700,000,000		700,000,000
	Reserves on Account of Shares to be Allotted			118,424,000
	General Reserve			153,353,000
	Profit and Loss Appropriation Account —			
	Profit carried forward			25,393,132
				997,302,132
	4% DEBENTURES — Secured by a Floating Charge on the Assets of the Association:			
	Principal		863,200,000	
	Interest:			
	Outstanding	6,736,800		
	Accrued	11,200,000	18,026,200	
				881,226,200
	RESERVES ON ACCOUNT OF DEBENTURES TO BE ALLOTTED			639,000,000
	THE ANGLO-PALESTINE BANK LTD.—Loans at 4% Interest per Annum			32,140,469
	CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS:			
	Deposits from Institutions, etc.		27,163,671	26,209,434
	Creditors and Credit Balances		39,018,788	20,210,292
	Provision for Doubtful Debts		16,150,000	16,150,000
	Provision for Taxes		7,947,381	
	Liability Fund—to Secure Punctual Repayments by Borrowers, see Contra		9,256,956	160,334,956
	There are Commitments in respect of Loans to be granted to Agricultural Settlements to the extent of IL.2,000,000 approximately.			
	PER CONTRA:			
	Agricultural Settlements to which Ownership of Water Plants will be transferred after they will have settled their debts to the Association		216,127,040	
	Keren Kayemeth Leisrael, Ltd. — their share in Loans to Agricultural Settlements		7,618,925	
	Total		223,745,974	
				2,931,163,630
1,171,737,842				1,171,737,842

On behalf of the Board of Directors: LEVY ESHKOL, Dr. G. LANDAUER, Directors

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT TO DECEMBER 31, 1950

Dr. IL.		IL.	IL.	Cr. IL.		IL.
7,371,800	To 3% Dividend on Ordinary Shares for the Years 1947 and 1948 — Gross			By Profit as at January 1, 1950		7,379,183
2,013,196	To Income Tax and Company Profits Tax	3,707,975		By Contribution of Keren Hayesod, Ltd.		3,607,140
	To Provision for Taxes	7,947,381	11,655,356	By Refund of Income Tax for the Year of Assessment 1948/49		252,779
4,368,736	To Discount on Debentures—Balance written off			By Profit for the Year ended December 31, 1950	30,755,975	7,190,134
	To Expenses re Increase of Share Capital — Partly written off		311,770			
1,697,799	To General Reserve and Provision for Doubtful Debts		275,000	A Premium of 20% (equalling IL.85,000,000) received on additional 425,000 Ordinary Shares issued during the year, has been appropriated to the General Reserve.		
872,052	To Special Appropriations					
7,379,183	To Balance of Profit as at December 31, 1950 — carried over to Balance Sheet		25,393,132			
30,755,975			38,135,158		30,135,158	33,322,453

WE HAVE EXAMINED the Balance Sheet of **PALESTINE AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION, LTD.** as at December 31, 1950 and the related Profit and Loss Account for the year ended on that date. We have obtained all the information and explanations which were required for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept, so far as it appears from our examination of those books and the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account made drawn up accordingly. Our examination was in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. In our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and the related Profit and Loss Account present fairly the financial position of Palestine Agricultural Settlement Association, Ltd., as at December 31, 1950 and the results of the operations for the year ended on that date, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Jerusalem, August 13, 1951.

(Sgd.) KESSELMAN & KESSELMAN
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BRITAIN ON THE EVE

THE recent Blackpool gathering of the British Trade Union Congress which may be seen as a forerunner of the Labour Party Conference at Scarborough on October 1, has given fresh evidence of the graduation of organized trade unionism from a workers' movement concerned almost exclusively with such matters as wages and work conditions, to active intervention in the political affairs of the day. It is a natural and inevitable development and its effect upon the policies of democratic governments should be salutary. At the same time, the political issues with which trade unionism nowadays concerns itself represent a serious strain upon the movement itself. The results of the strain are seen in the split trade union movements of France and Italy and, of course, in the existence of two rival world confederations, divided from each other by a political gulf which corresponds to the bitter and perilous division between one half of the world centred upon Moscow, and the other half, which is centred upon Washington.

The nature of the resolutions submitted at Blackpool, and the voting for and against these resolutions, will be studied carefully by the Labour Party's Executive, with an eye to keeping the Scarborough Conference amiable and to the prevention of a serious rift between the right-wing of the Party and the considerable minority that looks to leadership from Mr. Bevan, who, with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Freeman, resigned from the Government last April. Failing a measure of goodwill, it is feared that the robust Mr. Bevan may be driven into irreconcilable opposition within the Party on the eve of the General Election, fixed for October 25.

The Party leaders, commendably, have shown a genuine desire to come to terms with Mr. Bevan and to ensure unity at Scarborough as fundamental to unity at the election. Some pressure, it is gathered, was therefore brought upon the T.U.C. to avoid the giving of unnecessary offence to the Bevanites by right-wing members of the Council of the T.U.C. The President of the T.U.C. himself, Mr. Alfred Roberts, in his presidential address at Blackpool nevertheless indulged the forthrightness of his native Lancashire in a scathing indictment of the Bevanite "One Way Only" policy and was unrestrictedly scornful of those who advocate a revision and reduction of the rearmament programme as the only means of maintaining the Welfare State. "To try to convince our people that our rearmament is excessive, is to play right into the hands of Soviet propagandists," thundered Mr. Roberts, whose outlook may, perhaps, be discerned in his reference to the effects of Communism upon the youth: "The time has come when we have to rally all our spiritual forces to wrestle for the souls of these boys and girls against principalities and powers and the rulers of darkness in high places."

Mr. Roberts' views won considerable support when the problem was hardened into the form of resolutions put to the Congress by pro-Bevanite unions. At the same time, it was clearly shown that a majority of the unions is not prepared to forgo new wage demands in the interests of rearmament, and that just short of half the voting power at Blackpool was in favour of restoring the cuts made in the national health service. It may be as difficult for the Party Executive at Scarborough to reconcile these demands with the rearmament programme as to reconcile both with the policies of Mr. Bevan and his friends. In short, it would seem that the British Trade Union movement and the Labour Party itself are each approaching something very like crisis the origin of which, without doubt, will be found in the international crisis.

N.Y. Mayor Leaves For Italy and Israel

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Mayor of New York, his wife and four of his staff left here for a three-week tour of Italy and Israel.

Mayor Impellitteri is coming to Israel at the invitation of the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion.

Counterfeit Notes Intercepted

The arrows on the above montage of IL.5 notes indicate Dr. Barth's correct signature at right, and the forgery. Other minor differences can also be detected. Israel Police Photo

POST Reporter

TEL AVIV

THE first known counterfeit notes of IL.5 have come into police possession here within the last few days and are now in the hands of experts. The notes were obtained from a neighbouring country. Police fear that attempts will be made to circulate the bills in Israel, possibly in all innocence, by new immigrants unfamiliar with local currency.

The counterfeits are extremely bad, considerably inferior to the IL.10 counterfeit notes circulated earlier this year. These are almost non-existent today.

Deputy District Superintendant of Police, Yehuda Prag, Chief of the Criminal Department of the Investigation Branch, explained to a special press conference at police headquarters that there were marked differences in appearance and dimension between the good and bad notes. The counterfeit bills are five millimetres shorter and their paper is of poorer quality, the lettering and engraving lines are blurred and the serial numbers are smaller. Additionally, Dr. Barth's name in the upper left hand section of the IL.5 is misspelled. There are also no "safety points," the small dots seen when the bills are held to light.

It is believed that the bills were manufactured for currency transactions outside the country.

Readers' Letters

FOREWARNED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — On September 16, you reported six cases of typhoid fever in Ramat Gan, and an exchange of letters between the Ministry of Health, Ramat Gan Municipality, and Amidar Housing Co.

Unsanitary conditions and overflowing cesspits are not new in our neighbourhood. Last winter we warned the Health Ministry of the danger of an epidemic and they replied that over 50 legal actions were taken against Amidar Housing Co. Over six months elapsed before new cesspits were dug — and now they are overflowing again.

Another source of danger is a group of wooden shacks which harbour rats. Time and again we have asked the Municipality to remove them, but to date no action has been taken.

Yours, etc.,
BEN BARUCH
Ramat Amidar, September 16

OFFICERS FAVOURED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In your report on September 16 concerning "Refrigerators Limited to Specific Groups," you list among some truly deserving institutions or groups of people who will now be included on the waiting-list, "Officers of the Israel Defence Forces."

Army Officers in time of peace constitute only one of many professions, not less and not more important than others. I should be interested to learn the reason for favouring this particular group.

Yours, etc.,
LOTHAR EISNER
Jerusalem, September 17

MY MISSION IN ISRAEL

By JAMES G. McDONALD

IN SEARCH OF A MID-EAST POLICY

CHAPTER II

Inadequate Briefing

So also ye, unless ye utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye will be speaking into the air.

I. CORINTHIANS 14: 9

NEARLY the whole of the month from the day of my appointment until July 23, when I sailed to take my post, I was in Washington being briefed in the Department of State. It was an extremely educational process, although I confess that I heard practically nothing about what I was supposed to learn — the Department's policy toward Israel.

The mystery of my failure to learn more was deepened by the formidable list of my conferences. Among those with whom I spoke were the President; Clark Clifford, then among his other jobs acting informally as White House liaison officer with the Department; David Niles; Secretary Marshall; Under-Secretary Lovett; Joseph C. Satterthwaite, then Director of the NEA (Bureau of Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs) of the State Department; and his subordinates who were on the desks dealing with Israel and the Arab countries. I talked also with the late James V. Forrestal, then Secretary of Defence, and his four chief colleagues, General Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff, Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, Stuart Symington, Secretary of Air and John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy.

Call on President

My first call was on President Truman. After I had expressed my appreciation of his confidence, he thanked me for my acceptance and assured me that I could count on his personal and official support. I was to find that I could indeed; and I am the more grateful for it in the light of the slight contact we had previously had.

Mr. Forrestal

This contact began in December, 1945, when the President named me (I had never met him) a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine. In May, 1946, he welcomed the Committee's unanimous report and thanked us for our work. In July, 1946, following Foreign Minister Bevin's rejection of our report, the President was persuaded by the British Government to send a delegation headed by Ambassador Henry A. Grady to London to work with Herbert Morrison to implement our Committee's recommendations. At the conclusion of these negotiations and when we knew the results (though they were not yet officially disclosed) Senators Wagner and Mead and I, at my urging, called on the President to protest against the Grady-Morrison plans as the negation, not the fulfilment, of the Anglo-American Committee's basic programme to facilitate Jewish settlement in Palestine. In that conference the President was so angry with my protests against the Grady-Morrison plan that he refused to let me read a one-page memorandum of my views. Nonetheless, a few weeks later he instructed the State Department to invite the six American members of the Anglo-American Committee to meet in Washington with Ambassador Grady and his colleagues, under the Chairmanship of Under-Secretary Acheson. After two days' discussion we six unanimously recommended the rejection of the Grady-Morrison scheme. The President then abandoned it.

Lecture Tour

For nearly two years thereafter I had no contact with the President but spent much of my time lecturing throughout the United States, in Britain and South Africa on behalf of Jewish aspirations in Palestine. After my return my first contact with the White House was the word from Clifford that the President was drafting me to go to Israel as his first Representative to the new State.

On this, as on each of my visits to the White House, Clifford was tremendously helpful. He told me in detail of the differences which had developed between the White House and the State Department during the spring session of the United Nations Assembly, when the Palestine issue was one of the major subjects dealt with. He filled in my scanty knowledge—my months of absence in South Africa had left me without background in the shifts of American policy on the question of Palestine partition. He explained that when our chief delegate to the UN, Senator Warren Austin, announced in the Assembly that our Government had given up its support of the establishment of an independent Jewish State and suggested instead a form of trusteeship, he had acted on the Department's instructions and without the President's knowledge or consent. Secretary Marshall, Clifford stressed, had acted on a mistaken assumption; the President had not given the Department the authority to withdraw United States support of partition without his approval.

Confidence in Marshall

Despite the serious embarrassment which this incident caused the President, his confidence in Secretary Marshall remained complete. But this confidence did not extend in the same degree to all the Department's technicians handling Middle Eastern problems. Some of these officials remained convinced that to support partition was to lose Arab friendship, and that this friendship was essential to the protection of American interests. There was nothing hidden or selfish in their motives. Their fault lay in seeming to forget that, as small but essential parts of the Department, they were agents of the President.

My first interview with Robert Lovett, then Under-Secretary—in the presence of Satterthwaite, Director of NEA—was friendly but mostly devoted to housekeeping problems. I reported Clifford's pledge that mine was to be Class I Mission. Lovett and Satterthwaite were visibly shocked; they had planned a Class IV Mission. We compromised on Class II.

Loy Henderson, the intelligent, vigorous and autocratic former head of the NEA, who had been prone to consider the Middle East as a personal province and himself as its benign overseer, a short time before had been promoted to be Ambassador to India. Henderson and I exchanged correct letters of regret that we would not be permitted to work together, but I imagine that his regret was no deeper than mine. Satterthwaite, his successor, probably shared Henderson's conviction that the Arabs were the United States best bet in the Middle East, but he showed no inclination to exercise comparable power in shaping policies. Satterthwaite and his subordinates, most of them also of Henderson's school, gave me all the time I wanted for the exchange of views; but somehow out of all our talks no comprehensive picture of the United States policy toward Israel emerged.

Forrestal's Policy

Not having learned much from the Department of State, I went to see my old friend James V. Forrestal in the Pentagon. Despite the heartbreaking pressure he was then under in his futile—and soon to prove tragic—struggle to unify the fighting services, he received me cordially. I felt that I had no right to ask him leading questions on political or strategic problems, and he in turn limited his remarks on Middle Eastern problems to generalities. I did not add much that was tangible to the little I already knew about our policy.

From that visit I did, however, get the clear impression—I report it as a corrective to unjustifiable attacks on Forrestal—that he was in no sense anti-Semitic or anti-Israel. Neither, I think, had he been influenced on these issues by oil interests or by his old Wall Street connections. Perhaps he had at an earlier stage approved the shift of our policy away from support of a Jewish State; if so, I am confident that he was then convinced that partition was not in the best interests of the United States. He certainly did not deserve the persistent and venomous attacks upon him which helped break his mind and body; on the contrary, these attacks stand out as among the ugliest examples of the willingness of politicians and publicists to use the vilest means—in the name of patriotism— to destroy self-sacrificing and devoted public servants.

This is the second of a series of excerpts from the recently published book by Mr. McDonald. The third will appear tomorrow.

German Peace 'Contract' Unopposed

By JESSE ZEL LURIE,
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NEW YORK.—

THE Western alliance is functioning as smoothly as a well-oiled lawnmower. Clip, clip went the revolving blades in San Francisco and down went the Soviet weeds. But weeds have a habit of springing up overnight, and James Reston, top diplomatic correspondent of "The New York Times," reported that in the flush of victory, the Western diplomats were unhappy and worried. Maybe they were pushing the Soviets too far and too fast and they would have a war on their hands that nobody wanted.

Reston commented that certain high quarters felt that it might be wise to go slow on the German "peace contract." Let the furore over Japanese rearmament die down a bit before setting the gooseisteppers in motion once again. According to latest reports from the Foreign Secretaries Conference in Washington this view did not prevail. The "peace contract" with Germany is now being drafted and will be presented to the North Atlantic Treaty Conference in Ottawa.

Few voices are being raised against it—not even amongst the Jews. This correspondent a fortnight ago in Hyde Park heard an impassioned speaker, representing the Jewish War Veterans of Britain, say that he would always do his duty by his country, but that he would not fight alongside a Nazi.

Jewish Voices

Here, the Jewish War Veterans are too busy passing resolutions urging that the Communist Party be outlawed to worry about the Germans. The American Jewish Congress, outspoken fighter for liberalism when Stephen S. Wise was alive, has not been heard from lately. In fact, the only significant Jewish voice on the German question was raised by a most conservative Jewish organization, the American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Herman A. Gray, chairman of the Committee's Foreign Affairs Committee, just returned from Europe, held a press conference in which he spoke on the necessity of Germans fighting "to win democracy." "Democratic" Germans in the Western European armies would be satisfactory to the Committee.

Dr. Gray reported his warning to German leaders that Germany must take these immediate steps:

1. Eliminate neo-Nazi organizations through constitutional and legal steps.
2. Establish a civil rights commission similar to the President's Commission on Civil Rights in the U.S.
3. Undertake a comprehensive programme of education for promotion of tolerance and better intergroup relations. (Dr. Gray did not add "similar to the American Jewish Committee's work here" but this was implied.)
4. Bar active Nazis from public office, "particularly from Germany's new diplomatic corps and from the organization of German Army leadership."

Dr. Gray did not say what the consequences would be if these steps were not taken. The fact is the consequences will be a German "peace contract" with the old-line Generals who did Hitler's bidding being placed in charge of training fresh young German nuclear fodder.

Dr. Gray added that he met with representatives of the German Jewish community, numbering about 25,000.

"It will never be possible," Dr. Gray asserted, "for Germany to make compensation for the brutalities perpetrated against Jews by the Third Reich. We made it very clear to the German authorities that world opinion expected them to stop haggling over Jewish claims for restitution and indemnification. We impressed on them that these claims were minimal and no more than symbolic. We told them that prompt settlement of these claims would be some tangible evidence of their new attitude."

Committee's Requests

Dr. Gray said that American Jewish Committee representatives had urged the following:

1. Settlement of the claims made by individual Jews.
2. Settlements between the German Laender Governments and the Jewish Restitution Successor Organizations with respect to Jewish heirless property. (Such settlements have already been reached in the states of Hesse and Bremen but are lagging elsewhere in Germany).
3. The German Federal Government to make available funds for Jewish relief and rehabilitation work in compensation for property extorted from Jews in Germany in the 1930's.
4. The German Federal Government to recognize the validity of the claim for reparations by the Israel Government.
5. The Laender Governments to help the Jewish communities still remaining in Germany to maintain their religious, social and cultural institutions, including the maintenance and protection of Jewish cemeteries.

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MOST Israelis know that wherever you may be it is quicker to visit a government office in person than to attempt to get through on the telephone. And, of course, nobody in their senses ever even tries to get a military line, except all the other military offices, of course, who spend their days trying, and effectively block the system. The private numbers of friendly people who let their neighbours use their phone are almost as bad, and the Post Office declares that it gets any number of enquiries whether a particular line is out of order, when the stark truth is merely that it cannot be reached, because the owner is already talking to somebody else. With a slight air of smugness the Post Office adds that just after the first Atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima there was a small fire in the Tel Aviv exchange, the system having become overheated by the fact that practically every line in town was in use. The starting-point of these reflections was the chance remark of a man just back from London. He said the phone there was wonderful. He could reach any of his English friends without difficulty. The only number on the London exchanges that was always busy was that of the Israel Legation.

NOW that the Wizo Conference is over we can reveal a really illuminating piece of comment we overheard at a cafe. Two Jerusalem ladies were sitting at the next table and comparing the relative merits of the visiting Hadassah and Wizo representatives who had been around during the past month. "One thing I'm sure," said the speaker, "I could always tell who belongs to which. The Hadassah women are well dressed, but the Wizo is so much smarter."

WE have long disagreed with Mr. Arthur Koestler's depressing view that all Israel-born children grow up dour little savages lacking all the attributes of modern civilization, in fact scarcely capable of coherent speech, and have now obtained what we consider proof of the opposite. It seems that a Haifa five-year-old was sent by his father to buy an afternoon paper. On the way back he found himself with five mils change and a terrible urge for a glass of *gazoz*. He stopped at a kiosk and proffered his coin, but the owner said harshly "*Gazoz* is 7 mils." Making a rapid adjustment to a money-based civilization, the boy said, "Well, here's five mils and you can read the paper while I drink. That should be worth the other two." He got the soda.

WE hardly like to bring up again the hoary newspaper axiom that when a dog bites a man it is a minor mishap, and that it is not really News until a man bites a dog. Here, then, is what appears the most news-worthy incident of the week by this standard. We went into a Tnuva and to our surprise saw a chunk of hard cheese on the counter. Could we have a piece? The owner shrugged her shoulder and countered, "Why not?" How much did we want? Even more astonished, we said hopefully, 300 grams? The cheese was cut, wrapped up and paid for, and as we left the shop we thanked her. "My dear lady," she said, "do not forget that I did not do you a favour selling you the cheese. You did me a favour buying it."

A JERUSALEM couple — we happen to have reliable evidence that they used to like their steaks underdone — let their house a while ago to some U.N. people. Recently they went visiting there, and a few small changes were shown them, particularly the fact that an enormous new refrigerator had been installed. The tenants obligingly opened it to show off the gadgets inside, and revealed that it was full of luscious-looking pieces of meat. Feeling a little awkward, one of them said it really seemed a shame they should get so much meat when they understood it was so short in Israel. The Palestine-born owner of the house had her proper pride. "That's quite all right as far as we are concerned," she said quickly, before her husband could give himself away, "we're both vegetarians, you see."

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